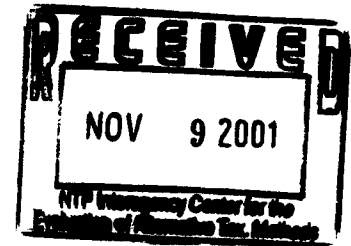


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Dear Dr. Stokes,

I am writing to encourage you and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) to move forward with your plans to approve the non-animal test methods of EPISKIN, EpiDerm and Rat Skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay. I also encourage you to continue exploring ways to eliminate cruel experiments on animals altogether. Animals are sentient beings who feel pain and fear just as humans do. Many European countries are taking aggressive steps to eliminate cruel testing practices on non-human animals and I hope that you will lead the charge as America does the same.

Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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